

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☐

Property Name: Moreton Hall Inventory Number: K-126

Address: 14416 Foxhole Road City: Galena Zip Code: 21635

County: Kent USGS Topographic Map: Millington

Owner: Laurie Hardy and William Lewis

Tax Parcel Number: 173 Tax Map Number: 08 Tax Account ID Number: 027972

Project: American Towers-Galena Site Agency: FCC

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Is the property located within a historic district? ☒ no ☐ yes Name of district: \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed? ☒ no ☐ yes Determined eligible? ☒ no ☐ yes District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP form completed by Marsha L. Fritz (1977); Historic Houses of Kent County (1998)

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

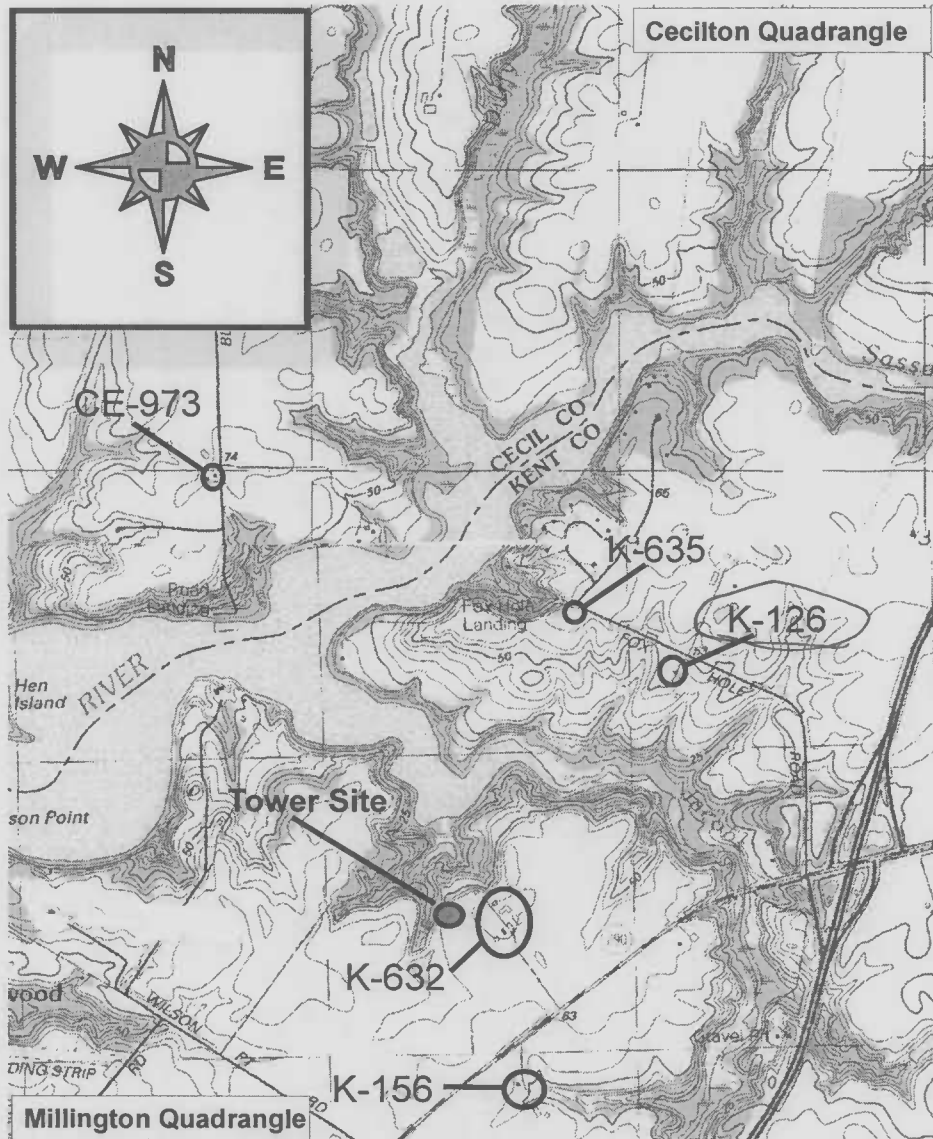
The property known as Moreton Hall is an Italianate house constructed ca. 1850. The house is a two-story wood frame building with two additions to the rear of the house. The house was occupied in 1977 when the MIHP form was completed for the property. The property in November 2000 was vacant and deteriorating. Although the property was in good condition in 1977, it no longer retains its integrity. The house is similar (design, period) to K-155 (Shorewood), a property that retains much more integrity than Moreton Hall.

Prepared by: David S. Rotenstein

Date Prepared: November 2000

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Eligibility recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input type="checkbox"/>
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Comments: <u>Property is in poor condition, but integrity is not impaired.</u>	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services <u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>Jan 10, 2001</u>
Reviewer, NR program <u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>2/6/01</u>

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Moreton Hall  
14416 Foxhole Road  
Kent Co., MD

Photographer : David S. Rutenstein  
Photo Date : November, 2000  
Negative : MDSHPO  
Subject : House, view to SW

Photo: 1/3



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Moreton Hall  
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Kent Co., MD

Photographer: David S. Rotenstein

Photo Date: November, 2000

Negative: MDSHPO

Subject: House, side (SE)  
and rear additions; view  
to the North

Photo: 2/3



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Photographer: David J. Rotenstein

Photo Date: November, 2000

Negative: MDSNPO

Subject: House showing rear  
additions, view to  
the North

Photo: 3/3



K-126  
Moreton Hall  
Golts  
Private

Mid-19th Century

Moreton Hall is a mid-19th century building with an elaborate two story, cast iron front porch and a hipped roof with a cupula. The interior retains fine graining on doors, cupboards, and stair. Behind the house is a large brick barn set on a high stone foundation.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Moreton Hall

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Fox Hole Road

CITY, TOWN

Golts

✓ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. Joseph Craddock

Telephone #:(301) 648-5351

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Galena

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21635

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Kent County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Liber #: EHP 62

Folio #: 500

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland 21620

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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Moreton Hall is a mid-19th century building with an elaborate two-story, cast iron porch on the front and two modest rear wings. The main house is two stories high with a hipped roof and a cupula; the first wing is two stories, common brick and has a gable roof; it is two bays long. The rear wing is also a two story, gable roof building, two bays long of frame covered with unpainted, weathered siding. There is a back porch with shed roof and turned posts.

In plan, the main house is square. The front facade (facing north) is evenly fenestrated into five bays with a central entrance onto the porches on both facades.

The two story porch occupies the front bay and is as wide as the house. Columns and balustrade are of lacrycast iron, very unusual in this area. Porch detailing is intact except for the entrance steps which have disappeared.

Windows on the second floor have 4/4 sash with very large panes; on the first floor the windows have 4/6 sash and extend nearly from floor to ceiling. The trim on both floors is very wide, but flat and plain. The double entrance doors of the main entrance are set in frames enriched with bold, simple architrave trim. The doors themselves have octagonal lower panels and upper panels with clippe' corners. Deep bolecion moldings edge the panels. Louvered shutter painted black, are used at each window.

The hipped roof has an elaborate bracketted cornice. The cupula, also covered with a hipped roof with brackett cornice, has four tiny round-headed 1/1 sash windows on each facade and a carved, wooden finial.

The main house itself is covered with wide weatherboard painted white; there are also wide cornerboards and a brick foundation.

The gable roof of the first addition terminates in a plain box cornice and three-part verge board. The walls are of orange brick laid in common bond. Windows have 6/6 sash set in frames trimmed with a flat ogee backband. Shutters are louvered and painted black. A one bay porch on the east wall of the wing has been removed and door leading to it converted into a window.

The rear wing has 6/6 sash set in plain frames. There is a rear entrance.

The interior of Moreton Hall is notable for its enormous stair-hall and for its beautifully grained woodwork. Window and door trim and the baseboards are both very wide and made up of a series of moldings. Both trim and baseboards on the first floor and in the stair hall are grained to resemble oak. Four-panel doors also have elaborate graining with knots on the fields. In the east parlor is a slate "Grecian type" mantle; beside it is a handsome cupboard with two pairs of double doors, the upper pair is four-panel and the lower two-panel, again enriched with graining.

The stair hall is of enormous proportions and open to the seco floor. Both balusters and newel are octagonal. At the cornice there are remnants of a broad wall paper boarder with a dark red

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# **8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is a very unusual building for Kent County. Although there are several other mid century structures with hipped roof and/or cupula (Woodland Hall, K-144, a 19th century remodeling and Shorewood, K-155) none has cast iron work like that on Morton Hall. The interior decoration of the house is in excellent condition; it is rare that so much has survived and adds greatly to the historical value of the house.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Historical Society

DATE

August, 1977

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Church Alley

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland 21620

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

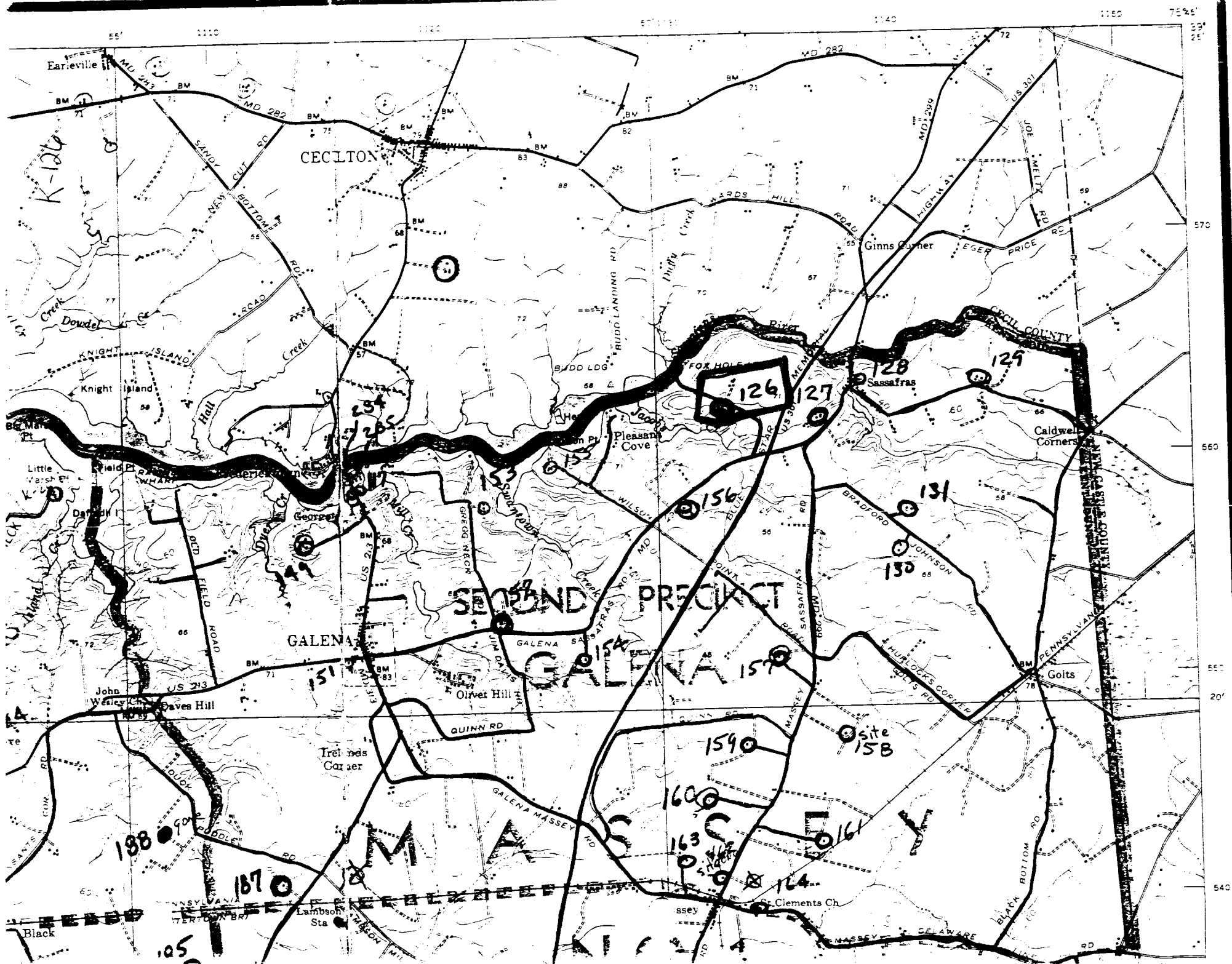
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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and dark blue foliated pattern.

Second floor rooms are simpler; trim, although broad with flat moldings, is painted. One mantle has fluted frieze and pilasters and a fantastic iron stone shaped like a little mansard roof house. There is also a back stair with slender, turned balusters of maple.

Behind the house is a large brick barn set on a high stone foundation.







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Moreton Hall  
FOX HOLE Rd

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FOX HOLE RD - SASSAFRAS, MD

FRONT - NORTH

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
LIBRARY

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Moreton Hall  
FOX HOLE Rd MHT 190126

FOX HOLE RD - SASSAFRAS, MD

STAIRWAY

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